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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: NOMINATION OF AMBASSADOR TO
MOZAMBIQUE
FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. AS A RESULT OF YOUR TALK IN NEW YORK WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER CHISSANO, WE ARE READY TO PROCEED WITH A REQUEST
FOR AGREEMENT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AMBASSADOR TO
MOZAMBIQUE. IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THIS
PARTICULAR CASE (THE FACT THAT THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT
IS NOT ACCORDING DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OR STATUS TO ANY
OF THE CONSULAR STAFFS WHO WERE ALREADY PRESENT IN LOURENCO
MARQUES), WE PROPOSE TO MAKE THE REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT IN
NEW YORK TO CHISSANO. I UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS AGREED TO
THIS PROCEDURE. YOU WILL RECALL THAT SOME MONTHS AGO YOU
HAD SELECTED AND THE WHITE HOUSE APPROVED THE NOMINATION OF
BILL DE PREE AS AMBASSADOR TO MOZAMBIQUE. SUBSEQUENTLY,
YOU BECAME CONCERNED ABOUT DE PREE BECAUSE OF SOME REMARKS
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HE MADE AT AN SRG MEETING. I HAVE SINCE TALKED WITH HIM

AND HE NOW FULLY UNDERSTANDS YOUR CONCERN AND IS EXTREMELY APOLOGETIC IF HE CAUSED YOU ANY DIFFICULTY, EMBARRASSMENT, OR DOUBTS ABOUT HIS VIEWS WITH REGARD TO AFRICAN QUESTIONS.

2. I HAVE KNOWN BILL DE PREE FOR MANY YEARS. HE IS ONE OF

THE BEST OFFICERS IN THE SERVICE; HE HAS TURNED IN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES IN EVERY ASSIGNMENT HE HAS HAD. HE HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY STRONG IN S/P DURING THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS AND BOTH WIN LORD AND SAM LEWIS ARE JUST AS HIGH ON HIM AS I. I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT THAT YOU CAN BE CONFIDENT OF HIS LOYALTY AND HIS DISCIPLINE.

3. I FELT, HOWEVER, THAT IN VIEW OF THE REMARKS YOU MADE TO ME SOME TIME AGO ABOUT HIM THAT I SHOULD CHECK WITH YOU ONCE AGAIN. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU AUTHORIZE US TO GO AHEAD THIS WEEK WITH A REQUEST FOR HIS AGREEMENT. APPROVE DISAPPROVE. INGERSOLL

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